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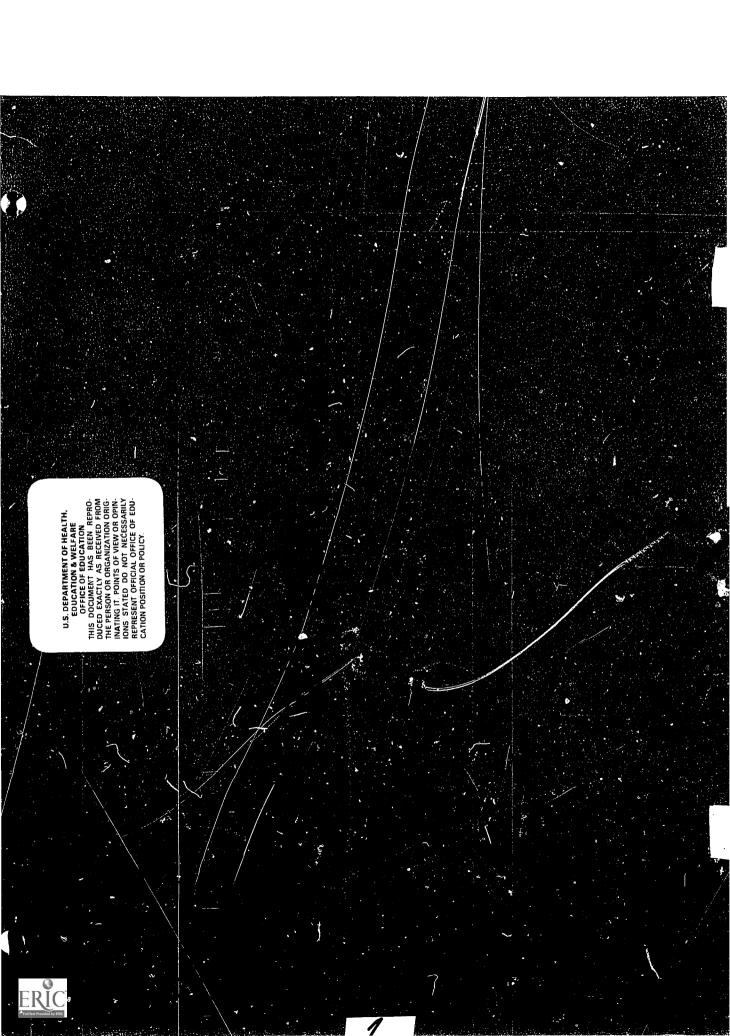
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AESTRACT

This nongraded resource unit was prepared to give the teacher examples of social studies activities that emphasize economic concepts. It presupposes some knowledge of economics, therefore it is not designed primarily for younger children. The major themes are: producing, distributing, and consuming food, clothing, shelter, and services. Canada, United States, Mexico, Honduras, and Brazil are specifically considered. On the question of world trade, it is assumed that people are interdependent and must help each other in obtaining and providing goods and services. The major question is followed by four subproblems: 1) what evidence of world trade do we find in our homes; 2) what are the productive resouces necessary to provide goods for world trade; 3) how does market determine what products are imported and exported; and, 4) how do governmental policies influence trade among nations? Within each of these problem areas, the format includes: specific questions, related concerts, behavioral objectives, techniques for assessment, and resource materials. For the teachers convenience, alternative or supplementary materials, and two charts are included. (Author/SBF)





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D E E P TEACHERS !!

ECONOMICS, you say!
Why add to our load?
We're already working,
'Til we feel we'll EXPLODE!!

Now, now, dear ones, Hold on to "your cool." We know you can do it, You're the nongraded school;

Now, ECONOMICS you need In all walks of life. In planning, it's needed To keep down home strife. So, dear teachers, our friends,
Take "one giant leap!"
Economics is "in."
We've plunged into "D E E P."

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PREFACE

This resource study has been prepared to give the teacher examples of social studies activities that emphasize economic concepts.

this is a nongraded study, the teacher will, of course, have in mind the abilities The teacher should feel free to make whatever changes he wishes. Since and understandings of his own group as he selects his activities.

use with younger children. However, the teacher's assessment of his children will knowledge of economics or economic concepts, and it is not primarily designed for The study, Why Do Nations Engage in World Trade? presupposes some determine whether or not it may be used.

to each teacher. For this reason, alternate or supplementary resources are often It is recognized that the same resource materials may not be available given. The teacher may have materials other than those suggested that would be equally appropriate.

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Generalization

Peuple are interdependent and must help each other in obtaining and providing goods and services.

Problem

Why do nations engage in world trade?

Subproblems

What evidence of world trade do we find in our homes?

What are the productive resources necessary to provide goods for world trade?

How does market determine what products are imported and exported?

How do governmental policies influence trade among nations?

Vocabulary to be Developed

goods	specialize, special
fmport	market
export	wholesale
needs	retail
ray materials	supply and demand
natural resources	restriction
humen resources	oversupply
capital resources	quantity
produce, product,	quality
production, productivity	standard of living
climate	balance of trade
initiative	tariff
technology, technological	quotas
common market	

"PRE-ACTIVITY"

Three to four weeks in advance of this unit, you may suggest to the children that they write to Foreign Embassies and the United States Department of State for information concerning imports, exports, products, tariffs, etc.

The countries to be considered in this example study are:

Canada United States Mexico Honduras Brazil You may have the children choose from among these countries or from the countries that are members of the Common Market.

Inquiries may be addressed in care of the embassy in Washington, D. C.

Example:

Canadian Embassy Washington, D. C.





PROBLEM: WHY DO NATIONS ENGAGE IN WORLD TRADE?

Subproblem 1: What evidence of world trade do we find in our homes?

Materials	Expo '70 information	Poems: "A Caravan from China" by Richard LeGallienne in Blanche Jennings Thompson's All the Silver Pennies. Mac- Millan Co. "In the Bazaars of Hyderabad" by Sarojini Naidu in Mary Hill
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	MOTIVATION: The children will share and discuss pictures, articles, or other artifacts from Expo '70 that are brought by the teacher.	bring from home any articles that originated in another country. A World's Fair display may be set up.
Related Economic Concepts	Nations of the world produce different kinds of goods. The World's Fair is a market place where nations exhibit their goods and exchange ideas.	People buy goods from other countries because: the same kinds of goods are not available in their own country. they need more than can be produced in their own country.
Questions	What is a World's Fair?	What goods can we bring from our homes that were imported from another country?
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Questions	Related Economic	Behavioral Objectives/	Materials
	Concepts	Assessment	
	it would be more expensive if produced in their own country.		Arbuthnot's The Arbuthnot Anthology. Scott-Foresman.
		The children will	
		items are from and give their ideas of why we import them.	
		an overview of the get united States, place in world trade.	Film: "Round Trip: The USA in World Trade." JH, 20 min., b/w.
What are the needs of a nation?	Rasic needs of man are fcod, clothing, and shelter.	at the basic needs of man.	
		Possible questions to lead discussion:	
		If you were on a desert island, what would you really need?	Books for individual reading or to be read aloud by the teacher:
		(Why are these things necessary?)	Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe, Houghton, Mifflin,
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Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	name materials that they think might help supply our needs.	be done in .ons.)		irt led in ndy.	hj.s	ខ្ល	# 🗿				
Behavi	name that the help sup	(This could be done in "buzz" sessions.)	The children will		are to be used in this activity.	(*NOTE TO TEACHER: Since the resources to	vill have uses, the term "raw material" will no longer be used.)	The teacher will bring to class wheat and/or other raw materials to	stimulate discussion about how the natural resource becomes the finished product.	n	
Related Economic Concepts	Raw materials are the basic source for ful-filling man's needs.				ways to use them.						
Questions	What raw materials does a nation have that may help to meet its needs?			Why aren't all raw materials of a country considered to be natural resources?							

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Materials	Film: "Wheat, the Staff of Life," El., JH; ll min., b/w. Social Studies Texts: People and Resources of the Earth, Harper- Row, pp. 17-18 and pp. 135-150. People Use the Earth, Silver-Burdett, pp. 9-17. Story: "Wendy Wheat" In Our Working World: Neighbors at Work, SRA, pp. 62-66.	Return Human Copital Product Tree Man Baw Lumber Water Man Water Power
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment		The children will continue development of the chart filling in the second and third columns. Possible question: We can see the end product. What is needed for its production?
Related Economic Concepts		Capital, human resources, and matural resources are necessary for production,
Questions		What are combined with the natural resources to make them useful?

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Materials	See Appendix A. Form: "Leading Countries in Wheat Production."	Resources: Books: The How & Why Wonder Book of North America by Irving Robbin, Grosset & Dunlap. Let's Visit Central America by John Caldwell, John Day Co. Enchantment of South America - Brazil by	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	teacher-made graph showing the amounts of a certain product produced in different countries. (*NOTE TO TEACHER: The Western Hemisphere and Common Market countries will be considered later in this study. Therefore, the teacher may wish to choose from anong these countries for this activity.)	small groups to make maps of their chosen countries. The opaque projector may be used in making the maps. They will then research to find out the natural resources of their chosen countries. The children will make or find illustrations to show the	
Related Economic Concepts	All nations in the world face some form of scarcity or abundance due to variations in available resources.	Natural resources are not equally divided among mations.	S
Questions	Do all nations produce the same amount of a certain good? Why or why not?	What are the natural resources found in 5 specific countries.	

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	Materials	Alian Carpenter. Children's Press. First Book of South America by William Carter. Franklin Watts, Inc. Let's Visit Brazil by John Caldwell. John	Understanding Brazii by Marion Gartler. Laidlaw Brothers. Canada by Theo Hills. The Fideler Co.	O Canada by Isabel Barclay. Doubleday. This is Canada by Sally Lindsay. Grosset & Dunlap. Enchantment of America by Frances E. Wood. Children's Press.	Let's Visit Mexico by John Caldwell, John Day Co.
·	Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	natural resources of their countries. These should be pasted onto the maps. They will then discuss their findings, noting simi- larities and differ- ences.	Canada United States Mexico Honduras Brazil		
`	Related Economic Concepts				9
	Questions				
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Materiaic	Understanding Mexico by Marion Gartler, Laidlaw,	Pictures: "Canada," "Mexico," "South America" all by Fideler Visual Teach- ing, Inc.	Social Studies Texts: Four Lands, Four Foples, Heath, p. 293.	In the Americas, Scott-Foresman, p. 281.	Living in the Americas Macmillan	Our Big World. Silver-Burdett.	People & Resources of the Earth, Harper- Row, pp. 105-109.	The Changing New World. Silver-Burdett.	Your Country & Mine. Ginn & Co.	
Behavioral Economic Assessment										7
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Materials	Resources: Books: First Book of Conservation by F. C. Smith. Franklin Watts, Inc. True Book of Conservation by Richard Gates. Children's Press. Film: "Yours Is the Land." JH, SH; 20 min., color. Poem: "The Wonderful World" by William Rands in Grace Huffard's Hy Poetry Book. Holt, Rinebart & Winston.	Social Studies Text: People Use the Earth, Silver-Burdett, pp. 171- 178.	Map of the 5 countries from previous activity
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	The children will make a creative story. Suggested motivation: Imagine it is the year 2100 A.D., and people in the 20th Century have misused natural resources. What problems has this misuse caused?		The children will use the same 5 countries to determine and map the climstic conditions found. This research may be done by
Related Economic Concepts	Conservation (or wise use of resources) will, enable man to meet present and future needs.		Climatic conditions partly determine the natural resources of a country.
Questions	What if man does not use his natural resources wisely?		How does the climate of these countries relate to the matural resources?

	Related Economic Concepts	Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment viewing films for information that will help them compare climatic conditions and	Materials Resources: Films: "Mexican Village Life," El., 13 min.
<u> </u>		their effect on natural resources.	"Mexico, Part I: Northern and Southern Regions." El., SH, 17 min., color.
			"Mexico, Part II: Central & Gulf Coast," El., JH, 18 min., color.
			Filmstrip: "Canada: People at Work," (Set of 6). Encyclopedia Britannica Films.
		The children will	
 /-	The ability of a nation to produce goods and services is partly determined by the quality and quantity of human resources.	in committees, to discover facts about human resources of the given countries (those studied previously).	
		Suggested areas for study:	
		population distribution	
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Materials	Maps from previous acti- vities.	Adventures with American Athletes and Artists. Benefic Press. Adventures with American Heroes. Benefic Press. Adventures with World Heroes. Benefic Press. Adventures with World Heroes. Benefic Press. Adventures with World Heroes. Benefic Press. A Weed Is a Flower - George Washington Carver by Aliki. Prentice-Hall. Booker T. Washington by William Wise. G. P. Putnam's Sons. Eli Whitney - Great Inventor by Jean Lee Latham. Garrard Pub. Co. Great Americans by Margaret Fisher and Mary Jane Fowler. Fideler Co.	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	(These figures may be added along with a key to the maps.)	ings about famous people. They will look for the reasons the individual was able to achieve his goals. A discussion may be initiated by a panel which will begin with an analysis of factors contributing to the individual's achievements. Other students may join in the analysis.	_
Related Economic Concepts		Human resources are the skills and labor of people.	_
Questions		What part do human resources play in production?	

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Materials	Horace Greeley - The People's Editor by Doris Faber, Prentice- Hall,	She Wanted to Read Mary McLeod Bethune by Ella Kaiser Carruth. Abington Press.	Stephen Foster - His Life by Catherine Owens Peare. Holt, Rinehart, & Winston.	The Wright Brothers by Quentin Reynolds. Random House.	Thomas Alva Edison - Miracle Maker by Mervyn D. Kaufman. Garrard Pub. Co.		Group I - paper		
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment						The children will	groups. The task of each group will be to make a map. Group I will be given only paper with which to work.		ą
Related Economic F							Increased capital resources (buildings, tools, and machinery) increase or improve productivity,	TI T	
Questions				· ·			How do capital resources such as buildings, tools, and machinery relate to production?		

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Materials	Group II - paper, pencil Group III - paper, pencil, and scissors.	Field trip to observe the capital resources involved in production. Possible trips: brick factory bakery dairy Resources: Books: At the Bakery by Lillian Colonius. Melmont Pub., Inc. First Book of Cotton by Matilda Rogers. Franklin Watts, Inc. How Books Are Made by David C. Cooke. Dodd, Mead, & Co.	
Behavioral Objectives Assessment	Group II will be given paper and pencils with which to work. Group III will be given paper, pencil, and scissors with which to work.	When pupils reassemble, the maps will be compared, and the effect of the tools on the product will be discussed. (Time impolved could be recorded and compared also.)	12
Related Economic Concepts			
Questions			

Materials	Magic by Walter Buehr. William Morrow & Co. Film: "Bakery Beat." Pr., El.; 15 min.,	Resource persons from Kiwanis list or from local area Resource Books: About Ploneers Yester- day, Today, & Tomorrow by John & Wilms Simp- son, Melmont Pub, Co. Aluminum by Bart Bene- dict, Lane Book Co. Plastic Magic by C. B. Colby, Coward-McCann, Inc. What Makes a TV Work? by Scott Corbett, Little, Brown, & Co.	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment		The children will conduct interviews or invite resource persons to the room in order to compare the way a product was pro- duced long ago with the way it is mass-produced today. Consider tools, time, and amount of produc- tivity involved.	
Related Economic Concepts		Through technological progress, people produce more and better goods.	13
Questions		How is education and improved technology related to production?	

	Materials	Resources." G.1-4, 10 min., color. Paper bags Raw milk, hand mixer Pudding mix Looms, rayon or cotton tubing Construction paper Crayons or paints Markers Scissors, etc.	
	Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	ductive resources are combined in the production of goods. They will divide into committees representing fic- titious countries and produce some kind of goods. Example of goods. Example of goods. Puppets butter pudding pot holder book mark For evaluation, each committee may hand to the teacher a categorized list of the 3 types of resources they used.	
	Related Economic Concepts	In order to produce goods it is necessary to bring labor, materials, and equipment together.	14
O	Questions	What productive resources are necessary for the production of goods?	
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Materials				Resources: Refer to books previously listed.	Graph paper Crayons or pencil	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	The children will	move from group to group to see other goods produced and decide if they would like to have another product.	gether to discuss the need for items other than those they produced.	cuss the 5 countries (those from previous activities) as to how these countries supplement the resources they do not have in sufficient amount.	the comparison be- tween each country's production of a cer- tain product and the amount it imports.	
Related Economic Concepts		People who specialize in one kind of goods must be able to sell the goods they produce and buy the goods they need.		A mation imports goods from other countries to supplement its own production, satisfy its needs, and supply the demand.		15
Questions		Are there some goods that have been produced by another "country" that you		How do we acquire the goods that we do not produce?		

Materials			Play money Toys or other articles from home	·
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	(*NOTE TO TEACHER - the teacher may have to bring out ways of indirect marketing through salesmen, mail, or telephone if such pictures are not available.)	The children will	They will bring articles they think other children would be interested in "buying." Time will be allowed for "selling." During this time, children will move freely about the room to see what price they can get for the article. They will keep a record of prices offered. Use discussion afterward to analyze why more was offered for some articles cles than for others. They may resell if they wish.	•
Related Economic Concepts			Sellers usually try to sell at the highest possible price while the buyer wants to buy at the lowest possible price. Prices are influenced by supply and demand.	17
Questions			How does market influence price?	

Materials	Play money Item for sale	Newspapers (current) Scissors Bulletin board	Pencils Teacher-made duplicated forms for reporting Example Name of company: Product produced: Our problem:
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	form groups and pool their play money. A spokesman from each group will bid on one item. One child may be desig-	look through news- papers to find items that are selling at reduced prices. These items should be cut out and mounted on a bulletin board.	The children will form groups and develop a hypothetical situation in which a company in a certain country is having a problem finding a suf- ficient market for its product. This sit- uation will be written on a duplicated form.
Related Economic Concepts	When goods are scarce and money is plentiful, prices generally rise.	Goods that are plentiful (in season or over- stocked) or are not in demand (left over from previous season) sell at reduced prices.	Businessmen are only willing to produce those goods and ser- vices which consumers are willing to buy at a price that will cover production costs.
Questions	What happens to the market when buyers have more money and compete for a single item?	Why are goods sometimes offered at reduced prices?	What problems might a business engaging in international trade have with marketing?

Materials		Newspapers Magazines Scissors	Forms used in previous activity.
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	(*NOTE TO TEACHER - The pupils should select a country and then a product that would be in keeping with the country's resources. The problem might be the result of an export or import restriction, an increase in the cost of labor or materials, oversupply or outdating of the product, etc.)	papers, magazines, etc.) for instances where companies are attempting to stimulate business.	solutions to the hypothetical problems created in the previous activity (by suggesting ways to stimulate market, develop new products, economize to lower prices, etc.)
Related Economic Concepts		Advertising, lowering the price, improving the product, and developing by-products may increase the merket for a product.	The producer will produce goods for export if there is sufficient market and if the buyer is willing to pay a price that will cover production costs.
Questions		In what ways can the market for a certain product be increased?	How can we increase the market for our product? (to solve our hypothetical problems)

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ubproblem 4: How do governmental policies influence tra

How do governmental policies influence trade among nations?*	Behavioral Objectives/ Materials Assessment	The children will	some advantages to countries through Films: "Trade and "	ity world trade. Transportation." El., JH; 20 min., b/w.	"World Trade for Better Living." 17 min., b/w. Encyclo- pedia Britannica.	Reference Books: Encyclopedia Inter- national. Vol. 18, p. 186. Grolier, Inc.	Grolier Universal Encyclopedia, Vol. 19, p. 130, Grolier, Inc.	Social Studies Text: A World View, Silver- Burdett, pp. 192-199.	ide MOTIVATION: See page IV for "Pre-Activity."	The children will	see film about Film: "Two Can Play This world trade. Game." 14 min., color.	20	•
mental policies influ	Related Economic Concepts			~ "0	services that can be produced.				Each nation must decide how and where to supplement its own	resources.			
Subproblem 4: How do govern	Questions		How does world trade raise the standard of living?						*Why does the United States need to trade with other nations?				

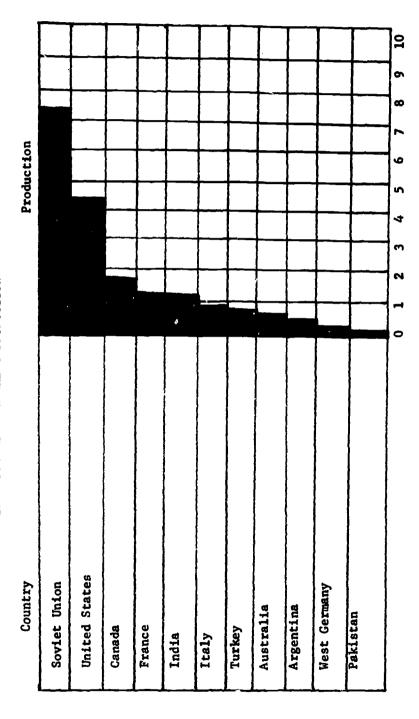
Materials	ORDER from National Council of American				Example: Under - Sufficient Over- Production Production		See Appendix B. Form: "Some Important U. S. Exports and Imports in 1967."	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	discuss film, especially:	what our country has in sufficient amounts to meet our needs	what we overproduce	what we need to import due to scarcities in the U. S.	on a chart.	The children will	make bar graphs from charts the teacher has duplicated.	21
Related Economic Concepts								
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Materials		Book: How the American Economic System Func- tions by Glassner and Grossman, Benefic Press. Filmstrip: "Our Foreign Trade," Int., JH; 18 min., b/w.	Learning to Look at Lour World, Silver- Burdett, pp. 295-298. Ligh in the Old World. Macmillan. Nations of Other Lands. Prentice-Hall Your People & Mine, Ginn & Co., pp. 209-210.	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	(One group may graph the 10 leading exports of the U. S. and the other may graph the 10 leading imports.)	Suggested topics: foreign trade imports exports quotas tariffs foreign trade lariffs	ittees and research in committees and report to the class on tariff policies. Suggested policies: Tariffs such as the Manufacturing Act (1791) Alexander Hamilton Later tariffs and revisions	
Related Economic Concepts		Some economies rely on the market mechanisms with governmental res- trictions to maintain a balance of trade.	Tariffs are taxes levied by a national government on foreign goods. They are levied to protect the country's young industries from oversupply or unfair competition.	22
Questions		What policies has the U.S. established to maintain a balance of trade?	What are tariffs?	

Materials	Shelf paper roll, TV roller, or sentence strips for time line Pelt pen	Films: "The European Community." El., JH, 18 min., color. "The Common Market." El., JH, 10 min., color.	Resources: Book: Western Europe and the Common Market. Scott-Foresman & Co. (May be purchased for \$1.28.)
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	Tariff policies such as GATT (1947 & 1967) Reports may be made visual by making a time line, "Tariff Policies studied later may be added to the time line.	The children will view a film about the Common Market as an introduction and over- view. They will dis- cuss the film and for- mulate questions. They will review the film, taking notes on facts pertinent to the formulated questions.	committees, choosing a country in the Common Market and researching it.
Related Economic Concepts		When tariffs are eliminated, nations are allowed to have free trade. This is due to the leveling off of governmental restrictions.	The six countries of Europe which have banded together for the purpose of buying and selling goods among themselves have lowered tariffs on goods imported from 23
Questions		How can the elimination of tariffs stimulate trade among nations?	What was the Common Market done to increase trade among nations?
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Materials	Newspapers & Magazines: Christian Science Monitor New York School Times Scholastic Magazine Young Citizen Weekly Readers Reference Book: World Book Encyclopedia, Field Enterprises. Social Studies Texts: Living in the Old World. Macmillan Our Big World, Silver- Burdett, pp. 81-85. The Common Market by Harry B. Ellis. World Publishing Co.	
Behavioral Objectives/ Assessment	As a report to the class, the children may simulate a meeting of representatives from each country in the Common Market,	The children may write a summary paragraph showing how these countries are helped economically by the Common Market.
Related Economic Concepts	other countries. In this way, trade has increased considerably.	24
Questions		

LEADING COUNTRIES IN WHEAT PRODUCTION



Average Annual Production for a 3-year period for the mainland of China, which is a leading wheat producer, is excluded because recent figures are not available.





SOME IMPORTANT U.S. EXPORTS AND IMPORTS IN 1967 (value in millions of dollars)

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EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
Fruits & Vegetables	\$ 492	Coffee	\$ 994
Wheat	1,120	Bananas & Plantains	177
Beverages & Tobacco	649	Fish	424
Soybeans	277	Sugar	387
Coal & Coke	105	Wood, Lumber, & Cork	474
Petroleum & Products	539	Iron Ores & Concentrates	777
Chemicals (all kinds)	2,803	Petroleum & Products	2,081
Textiles	531	Newsprint	864
Iron & Steel	199	Diamonds (not industrial)	387
Internal Combustion Engines	260	Iron & Steel	1,371
Agricultural Machinery & Parts	615	Copper & Copper Alloys	099
Electronic Computers &	377	Electrical Machinery	1,135
		Automobiles, Trucks, & Buses	2,444
relecommunications Appara- tus (TV, radio, telephone)	475	Clothing	653
Road Motor Vehicles & Parts	2,734	Shoes	263
Aircraft	1,093	Watches	115
Other Exports	17,325	Other Imports	12,899
TOTAL	\$31,147	TOTAL	\$26,732

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